Rap and R&B rule Grammy nominations

Bruno Mars, Jay-Z and Kendrick Lamar dominated the musical landscape in 2017 — and that continued through Tuesday's announcement of the awards contenders. NEWS 8

6 Bruno Mars garnered six nominations

8 Jay-Z led the way with eight nominations

7 Kendrick Lamar picked up seven nominations

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SEA LIFE

Photographer Matt Larmand took this image of a shark just offshore from his home in Capistrano Beach.

YOUNG GREAT WHITES SEEM TO BE LEAVING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

ADIOS, SHARKS!

By Laylan Connelly » *lconnelly@scng.com*

Apparently, a winter vacation in the warm water off Baja was more enticing than another winter in the chilly ocean off Southern California.

For the first time in years, juvenile great white sharks are resuming what has long been considered their normal migration pattern, traveling away from cool winter water that's typical off the local coast in favor of something warmer, shark expert Chris Lowe said this week.

"When the temperatures drop, they start their southern migration," said Lowe, who runs the Shark Lab at Cal State Long Beach.

That hasn't been true in recent years, as El Niño conditions have boosted water temperatures off Southern California.

Lowe spent much of the past few years tagging juvenile great white sharks as they showed up in unprecedented numbers off the Southern California coastline. The local population boom, while scary for surfers and others, reflected a rebound for the ocean predator that experts said came after decades of protections for sharks and their food sources, including sea lions. What's more, as sharks have hung out locally, there's been a surge in a second food source — stingrays — that's provided a close-to-shore buffet for shark pups.

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A pelican flies over a shark in the water off Capo Beach in Dana Point in May.

"Technically, they don't have to leave. Why they still do that, maybe it's just a migratory pattern. It's not that they have to, it's that they want to. Maybe they are going to Baja because the winter feeding is better."

— Shark expert Chris Lowe

TAX OVERHAUL

GOP shoves bill ahead; shutdown still a threat

Fate of legislation remains unknown with number of Republicans on the fence; Dems back out of meeting

By Alan Fram and Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Republicans held together and shoved their signature tax overhaul a crucial step ahead Tuesday as wavering GOP senators showed a growing openness. But its fate remained uncertain, and a planned White House summit aimed at averting a government shutdown was derailed when President Donald Trump savaged top Democrats and declared on Twitter, "I don't see a deal!"

Schumer

Trump

Pelosi

"It's time to stop tweeting and start leading," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer retorted after he and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi rebuffed the budget meeting with Trump and top Republicans.

Trump lunched with GOP senators at the Capitol and declared it a "love fest," as he had his previous closed-doors visit. But the day underscored the party's yearlong problem of unifying behind key legislation — even a bill slashing corporate taxes and cutting personal taxes that's a paramount party goal.

Tuesday's developments also

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Sketch of Ahmed Abu Khattala

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SPORTS

Another milestone for Dodgers' broadcasting icon

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Vin Scully speaks to the crowd at Dodger Stadium before the start of Game 2 of the World Series. Scully turns 90 today.

On his 90th birthday, Vin Scully to honor Jackie Robinson

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On the occasion of his 90th birthday today, Vin Scully's plans are to celebrate someone else.

A statue of Jackie Robinson in his full UCLA football regalia will be dedicated outside of the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. It is a gift from the family of Thomas Tull, who produced the 2013 film "42" that focused on Robinson breaking the Major League Baseball color barrier in 1947.

After Scully does his part to introduce Tull as well as members of the Robinson family in attendance, the Dodgers' retired Hall of Fame broadcaster hopes he can slip unnoticed back to his Hidden Hills home to rejoin his wife, Sandi, who has been quietly enduring some health issues.

"She's been my 'Unsinkable Molly Brown,' and any little extra time I can spend with her, that will be worth it to me," Scully said Tuesday morning. "And as for the ceremony in Pasadena, that'll all be about Jackie's day, and I'll stay out of everyone's way."

Easier said than done.

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